## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)	
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TOSHIAKI UEGURI ET AL.		)	
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

An RCE being filed herewith, prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.